**DEPARTMENT of SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Notice of Intent to Amend the Personal Care Assistant Medicaid Waiver**

In accordance with the provisions of section 17b-8 of the Connecticut General Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services (DSS) intends to amend the Personal Care Assistant (PCA) waiver and proposes to add two additional services.

DSS proposes to add Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) and Home Delivered Meals (MOW) to the PCA waiver because these services are not currently available to individuals who opt for agency-based PCA services under the PCA waiver. These two services are currently available to persons who are self-directing their PCA Services under the 1915k state plan Community First Choice Option. By adding PERS and MOW to the PCA waiver, the services would be available to all individuals on the PCA waiver regardless of whether they choose to self-direct their PCA services or opt for agency-based PCA services.

The Department will be requesting a retroactive effective date of 10/1/19 to add these services.

A complete text of the waiver amendment is available, at no cost, upon request to the Community Options Unit, Department of Social Services, 55 Farmington Ave., Hartford, Connecticut 06106; email shirlee.stoute@ct.gov.

All written comments, questions, and concerns regarding these amendments may be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice to the Department of Social Services, Community Options Unit, 55 Farmington Ave, Hartford or to Kathy.a.bruni@ct.gov.